

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, line 3:

-- This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/EP2004/053448, filed December 14, 2004, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on June 30, 2005 in English and which claims the benefit of European patent application No. 03293217.0, filed December 18, 2003 and European patent application No. 04008494.9, filed April 7, 2004 --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 7 with the following **amended** paragraph:

Some jumps can appear when switching from one primary metacode LUT to another one. For example, the smallest sub-field code value (1 sustain pulse for example) has a different (~~different in comparison with which value ?~~) relative value (which is equal to 1/total amount of sustain pulses) since the total amount of sustain pulses changes from one primary Metacode level to another one (from one APL value to another). The ratio of these two different values (which is equal to the ratio of the two different total amounts of sustain pulses of the two primary metacode LUTs) could create a jump.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 3:

(Why the coefficient 64/63 ?)

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 14:

(Why the coefficient 63 ?)

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 17:

(Why the coefficient 64?)